

Regular Session, 2010

ACT No. 944

HOUSE BILL NO. 1272

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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1379.3(H)(2) and (N)(8) and to enact R.S. 40:1379.3(D)(3)
3 and (U), relative to concealed handgun permits; to increase the period of time in
4 which a concealed handgun permit is valid; to provide with respect to costs and fees;
5 to provide with respect to the adoption of rules for certain permits and fees; to
6 authorize the use of fixed-case marking projectiles for handgun competency training;
7 to authorize certain religious organizations to allow concealed handguns to be carried
8 in places of worship pursuant to a valid concealed handgun permit; to provide for
9 exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 40:1379.3(H)(2) and (N)(8) are hereby amended and reenacted and
12 R.S. 40:1379.3(D)(3) and (U) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 §1379.3. Statewide permits for concealed handguns; application procedures;
14 definitions

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16 D.

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18 (3) Any live range fire training required to demonstrate competency as
19 authorized by the provisions of this Subsection may use live ammunition or fixed-
20 case marking projectiles capable of being fired from a handgun.

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22 H.

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24 (2) The deputy secretary of public safety services of the Department of
25 Public Safety and Corrections shall issue timely and without delay the concealed

1 handgun permit to all qualified applicants, which permit shall be for a term of ~~four~~
2 five years, at a cost of twenty-five dollars per year, and which shall be valid in all
3 parishes statewide. The division ~~shall~~ may promulgate rules for the purpose of
4 providing for permits and fees for fewer than ~~four~~ five years to the applicants
5 requesting a shorter time period. Fees ~~shall~~ may be reduced proportionately for terms
6 of fewer than ~~four~~ five years. The permit shall be retained by the permittee who
7 shall immediately produce it upon the request of any law enforcement officer.

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9 N. No concealed handgun may be carried into and no concealed handgun
10 permit issued pursuant to this Section shall authorize or entitle a permittee to carry
11 a concealed handgun in any of the following:

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13 (8) Any church, synagogue, mosque, or other similar place of worship,
14 eligible for qualification as a tax-exempt organization under 26 U.S.C. 501, except
15 as provided for in Subsection U of this Section.

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17 U.(1) The entity which owns the business or has authority over the
18 administration of a church, synagogue, or mosque shall have the authority to
19 authorize any person issued a valid concealed handgun permit as authorized by the
20 provisions of this Section to carry a concealed handgun in the church, synagogue, or
21 mosque.

22 (2) The provisions of this Subsection shall not be construed to limit or
23 prohibit any church, synagogue, or mosque from employing armed security guards
24 who are either certified law enforcement officers or who are authorized to carry
25 concealed handguns pursuant to the provisions of this Section.

26 (3) If the church, synagogue, or mosque authorizes the carrying of concealed
27 handguns as authorized by the provisions of this Subsection, the pastor, priest,
28 minister, or other authority of the church, synagogue, or mosque shall inform the
29 congregation of the authorization.

1 (4) The provisions of this Section shall not be construed to authorize the
2 carrying of a concealed handgun in a church, synagogue, or mosque located on the
3 property of any school or school property, which would otherwise be prohibited by
4 the provisions of R.S. 14:95.2.

5 (5) Any church, synagogue, or mosque authorizing the carrying of concealed
6 handguns pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection shall require an additional
7 eight hour tactical training for those persons wishing to carry concealed handguns
8 in the church, synagogue, or mosque. The training shall be conducted annually.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____